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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY - PEN PRISONER RELEASES

DURING A HEARING ON JULY 14 BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, UNDER SECRETARY STOESEL HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BONKER CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINA AS WELL AS THE INFLUENCE THAT OUR WARMER RELATIONS HAVE ON THESE CONDITIONS STOESEL REITERATED THAT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED BUT NOTED IT WOULD BE AN EXAGGERATION FOR THE U.S. TO CLAIM SOLE CREDIT FOR THIS. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNELL REINFORCED STOESEL'S STATEMENT BY MENTIONING THE RECENT DECISIONS TO RELEASE 59 PEN PRISONERS AND THE EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL RELEASES SOON. THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HERE WAS PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO HIGHLIGHT PEN PRISONER RELEASES IN THIS MANNER. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MENTION THE EXCHANGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION. HAIG

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